

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 7 is a partial cross-sectional view of the first embodiment of the bracket assembly, as revealed by the section 7 – 7 taken in Fig. 2, showing the bracket assembly in the process of being attached to the rail, with the latching assembly in a first, or locking, position;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A front elevation view of the first exemplary embodiment of the bracket assembly 105 is illustrated in Fig. 5. The flange [[140]] 340 may be positioned between the upper latch projection 335a and the lower latch projection 335b. In addition, the upper latch projection 335a may be positioned along a first plane that is substantially perpendicular to a second plane defined by the tabs 315a, 315b. Similarly, the lower latch projection 335b may be positioned along a third plane that is substantially perpendicular to the second plane.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 7 is a cross-sectional view, as taken along lines 7-7 of Fig. 2, of the bracket assembly 105 showing the attachment of the first embodiment of the bracket assembly 105 to the rail 120. The tabs 315a, [[351b]] 315b (only the lower tab 315b being shown) are positioned in front of the rail 120 at the desired height and aligned with their respective mating openings 130 in the rail 120. The tabs 315a, 315b are then inserted into their respective openings 130 of the rail 120, so that the end of the tabs 315a, 315b are positioned to contact the back surface 320 of the rail 120 (also see Fig. 3). The bracket assembly 105 is then pushed toward the rail 120 so that the latch projections 335a, 335b (only the lower latch projection 335b being shown) are positioned in their respective mating openings 130 of the rail 120.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Once the projections 335a, 335b are seated in their respective rail holes 130, the elastic member 345 restores itself to its original state, and in so doing, moves the latching assembly 325

toward the end portion 300a of the bracket 300 to a first or locking position in which the latch projections 335a, 335b establish a locking engagement against the end portion 300a of the bracket through their respective openings 130 of the rail 120, thereby locking the rail 120 between the latching assembly 325 and the end portion 300a of the racket 300. The force applied by the elastic member 345 retains the latch projections 335a, 335b in their respective opening 130 until the flange [[140]] 340 is pushed away from the end portion 300a of the bracket 300. Hence, attaching the bracket assembly 105 to the rail 120 does not require any tools.